(c) when these ceiling prices and non-ceiling prices of formulations were reduced in each case;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of most of the formulations were not deliberately reduced to give benefit to the producers; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for this laps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1668 answered on 12th September, 1991.

(c) The reduction of the notified prices of the bulk drug at a given point of time does not necessarily bring down the formulation prices. The prices of formulations are dependant on various other factors like the prices of combination bulk drug, packing material, excepient ceilings and the notified conversion cost and packing charges ruling in the respective time period.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Drugs under Price Control

1329. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of drugs being marketed in the country and how many are under price control;

(b) what are the names of drugs which are exempted from price control and for which Government are monitoring the production;

(c) what was the production of each during the last two years ending on 31st October, 1991;

(d) what are the names of price decontrol drugs which are covered under wholesale price index;

(e) what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the price at present;

(f) whether it is a fact that producer has to provide break-up under price control order the basis and working out the prices of price decontrolled drugs; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) About 70 per cent of the drugs marketed in the country are price-controlled.

(b) All drugs excepting those included in Schedule-I and Schedule-II of DPCO, 1987 are exempt from price control.

(c) to (e) The time and labour involved in collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. DPCO, 1987 provides for furnishing of details in Forms 1-A and 2-A in respect of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations respectively.

Whole-sale Price Index of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

1330. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the whole sale price index of drugs and pharmaceuticals on 1st April, 1990 and on 31st October, 1991;

(b) what are the names of drugs on which wholesale price index is based;

(c) what is the indication for which each is used;

(d) what was the production of each drug during 1990-91;

(e) what are the names of drugs which are under price control and what was the price of each before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;

(f) what are the names of producers of each drug and what was the production of each drug of each unit; and

(g) what are the names of other drugs which are being marketed for the same indication and are covered under the same thereapeutic head and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The whole sale price index of drugs and medicines was 145.2 and 160.7 (provisional) on 7.4.1990 and 2.11.1991 respectively with base year 1981-82=100.

(b) to (g) The names of drugs and medicines on which whole sale price index is based is given in the Statement (*See* below). The other details asked for are too voluminous. The time and labour involved in collecting these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Statement

Sl. No	Names of Drugs and Medicines for whole sale price index
1	Vitamin tablets (A, B C, D and Others)
2	Vitamin Capsules
3	Vitamin liquids
4	Chloramphenicol
5	Penicillin (Vials, tablets & other products)
6	Streptomycin (Vials & Other products)
7	Tetracycline (In capsules, vials and others)
8	Powder/granules other than vitamin
9	Liquid oral other than vitamin
10	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin
11	Capsule other than vitamin & antibiotics
12	Tablet except vitamin and penicillin
13	Ointments
14	Syrup
15	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16	Ayurvedic medicines liquid

Price Increase of Decontrolled Drugs and Finished Medicines

1331. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made study of price increase of price decontrolled drugs and finished medicines;

(b) if so, what are the findings and what is the percentage and increase or fall in prices during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what is the percentage as increase or fall in wholesale price index during the same period;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing the price decontrol of